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**Subject:** RE: NEPA Open Projects Report

Thanks! Yeah I'm pretty surprised they are looking at an EA for 270. I definitely echo questions on need given the history of highway expansions and induced demand, especially when considering emissions.

Thanks for checking. Nathan Morey at the SD Corps office brought it up yesterday when we happened to drive past the proposed area. He made it seem like an EA was done in 2015ish and they are doing a supplemental now that they are getting ready to actually start. He mentioned it because we were there looking at mitigation banks and he said this project would likely buy up every credit available in that area so the wetland impacts must be pretty big. I would have similar questions on this project around need and induced demand.

Thanks,

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Hello Nolan!

I will absolutely have you added to meetings on the I-270 project. Recent meetings (a couple of the last year) have been specific to air quality, CAA transportation conformity and related PM10 modeling issues and no 'project' meetings about the EA or Section 404 have occurred. I will double check my latest information to see what the status is on the 404 process for that review, and to quite frankly remind myself As a note: the air quality discussion has been (in an unspoken way) intertwined with the rationale behind the decision to prepare an EA for this project, and in this particular project area given past projects, industrial development, and arguable overburden of this development (including the road network) on the health of communities with EJ characteristics. With that said, air has been a primary focus as of latest activities. Regardless, I will be sure to forward any relevant presentations, resource reports, schedules, and other documents that would be useful to you as background about the project and CWA resources.

I have not heard about the South Dakota highway project you heard about; this is one of the super useful benefits to in-person conferences, right? I will start poking around to see what I can find out about this one. Thanks so much for letting me know!

Cheers - Julie

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Julie,

Could you add me to any meetings on the I-270 project? I'll be the 404 lead for that and would like to get plugged in as soon as possible.

Also, not sure if you'd know about this but have you heard about a supplemental EA for South Dakota 100, a new 6 lane bypass highway out near Sioux Falls? I'm out here for other projects and one of the Corps folks mentioned it. Sounds like it has massive wetland impacts and probably shouldn't be an EA but I'm not sure where they are in the process.

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Good morning everyone,

Attached is the NEPA Projects List for this week. Unfortunately, I will be out today due to an unexpected issue. I'll miss seeing those of you who are in. Hope everyone has a great day.

Best regards,

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